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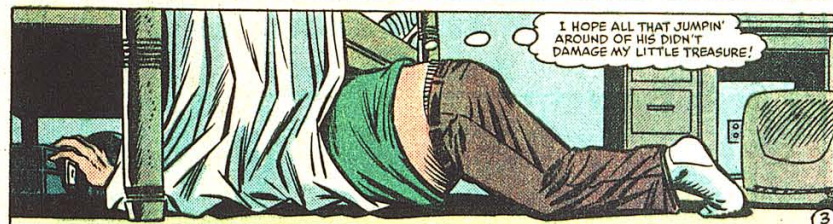
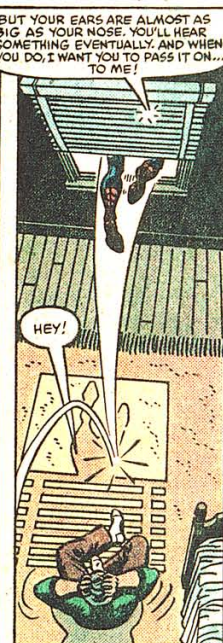
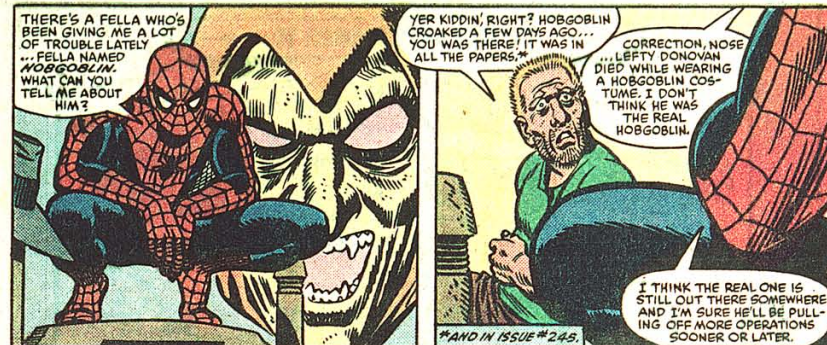
AND SO SOON AFTER YOU'VE BEEN RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL, TOO! TSK-TSK!

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NAW...THE SEAL
ON THE MAIN
LOCK IS STILL
INTACT. THAT'S
A RELIEF!



WHEN HE WAS SQUATTIN' ON THE BED
--RIGHT ON TOP O' MY LITTLE MONEY-
MAKER-- I JUST ABOUT
DIED! IT'S A GOOD
THING HE DIDN'T
KNOW I HAD THIS.



IF HE EVER FOUND OUT...
IT COULD RUIN EVERYTHING!



MEANWHILE...

NOSE WAS TOO
SCARED TO BE
LYING TO ME.
BOY, I WISH I
KNEW MORE
UNDERWORLD
INFORMANTS.



INFORMATION CAN BE SO
IMPORTANT, TOO! IF I'D
KNOWN THAT THE CITY WAS
GOING TO PICK UP THE
BLACK CAT'S HOSPITAL BILL!



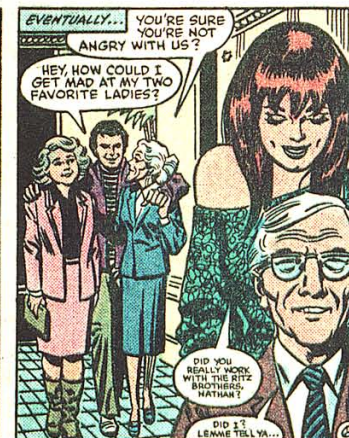
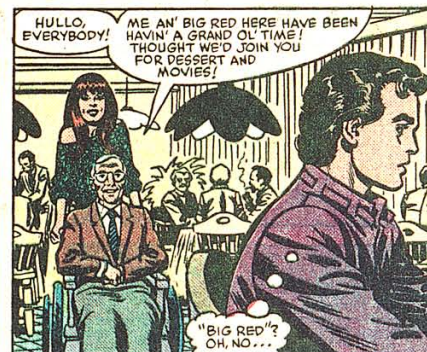
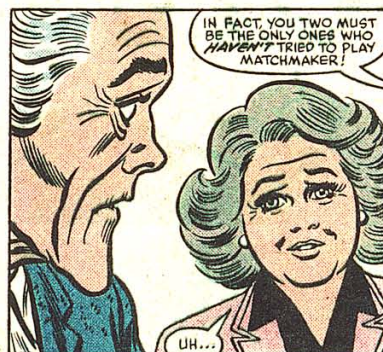
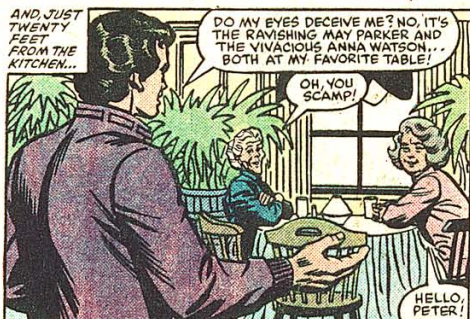
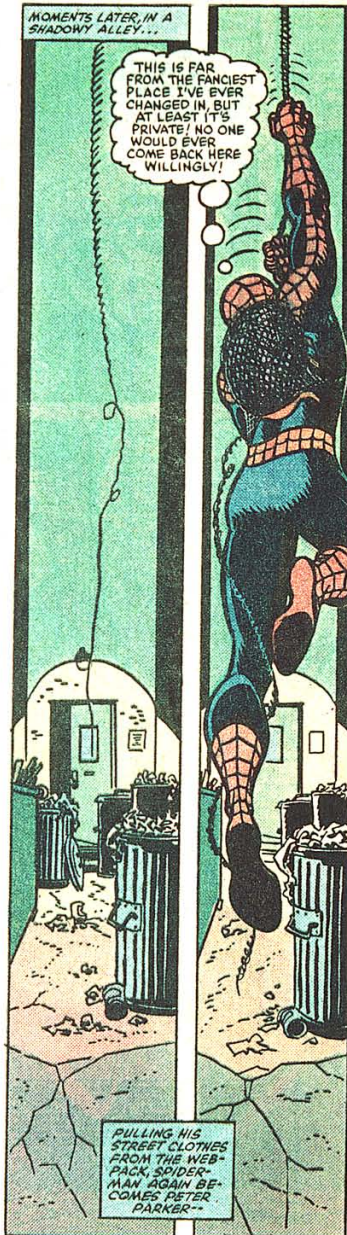
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EXPENSES WERE HARD-
LY MY ONLY CONSIDERATION.
I'VE BEEN A STUDENT MOST
OF MY LIFE --

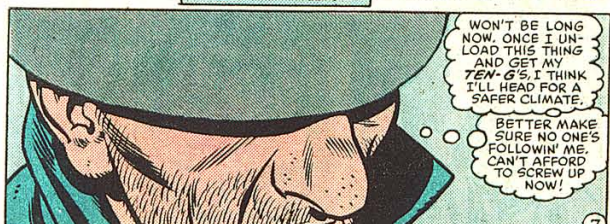
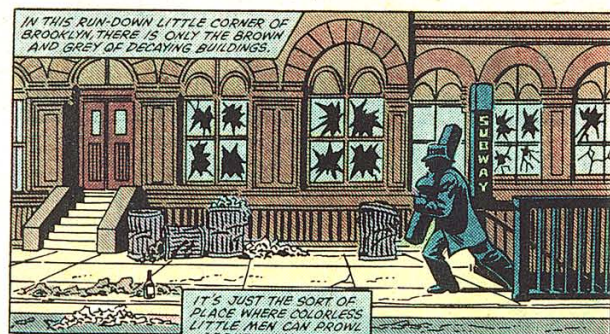
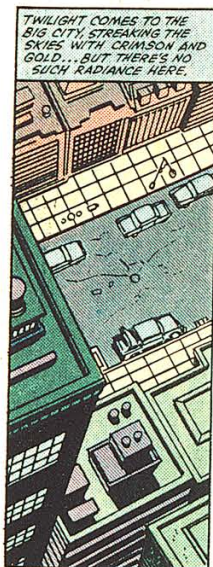
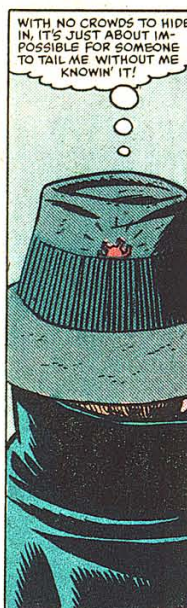


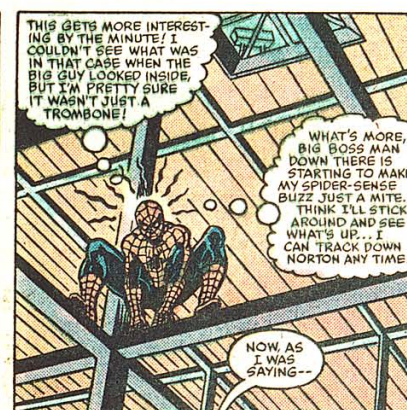
C'MERE, LIL' WEB-
PACK! WE
HAVE AN
IMPORTANT
DATE!

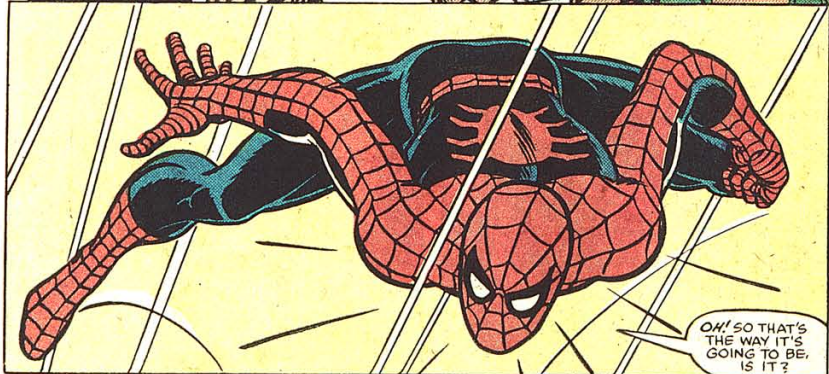
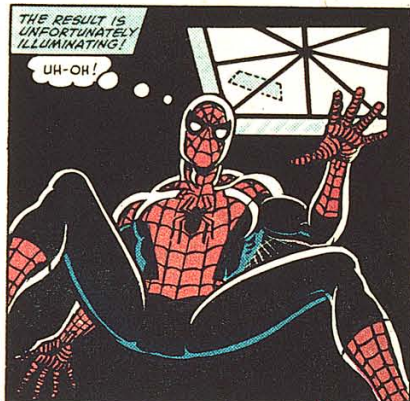
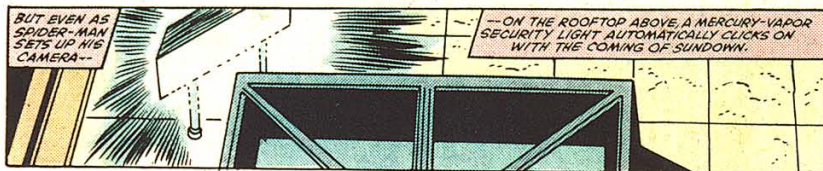
UNFORTUNATELY, ABOUT THE
ONLY TIME I EVER RUN INTO
GUYS LIKE NORTON IS WHEN
I'M PUTTING THEM AWAY.

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SPIDER-MAN #89







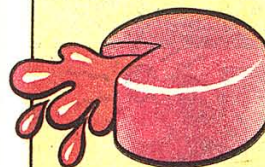
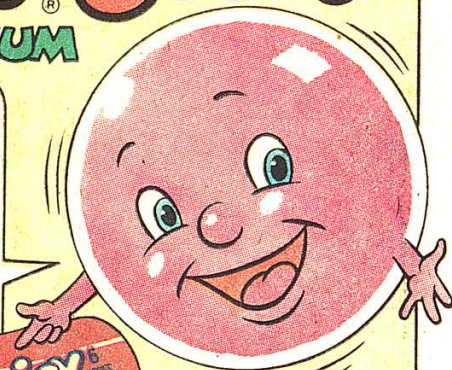


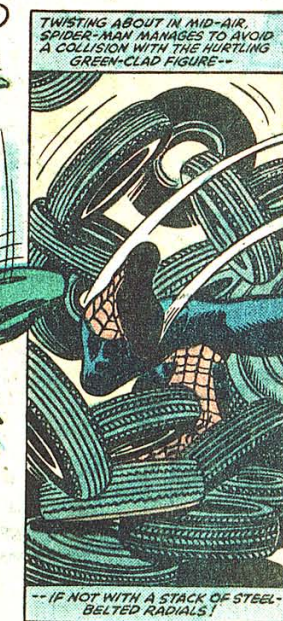
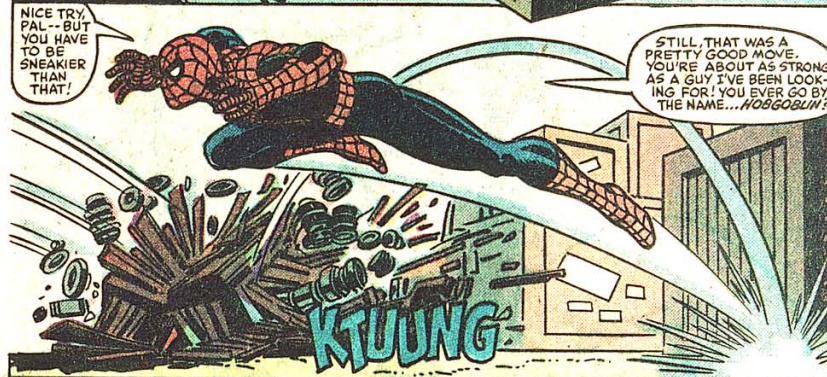
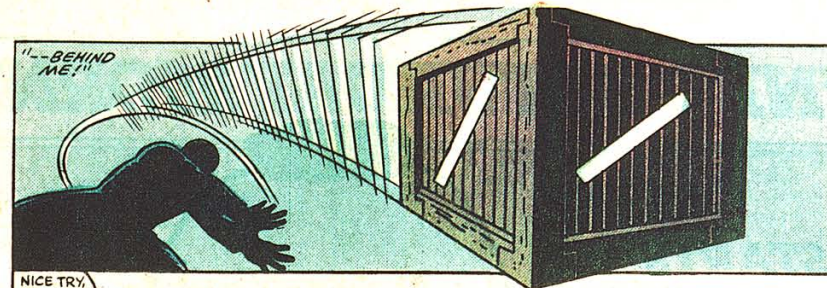
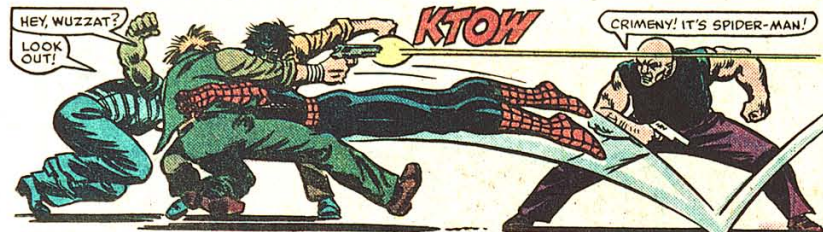
TASTE AN **EXPLOSION** OF JUICY FLAVOR!

PUNCH'N JUICY

SOFT BUBBLE GUM

GET THAT BIG
JUICY TASTE
IN YOUR
FAVORITE
FLAVORS!



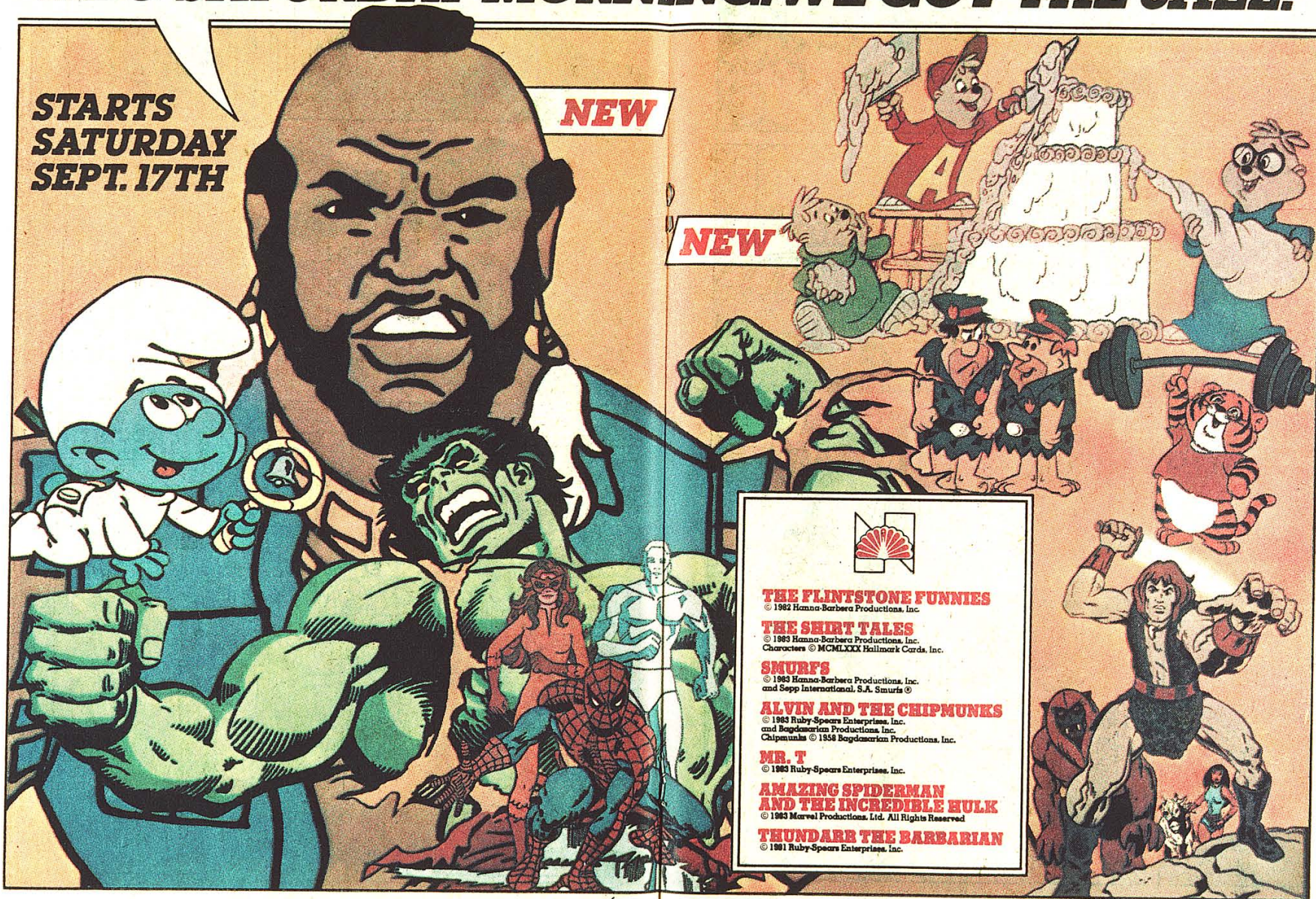


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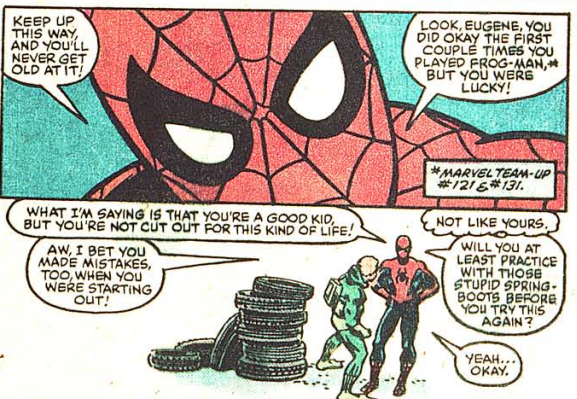
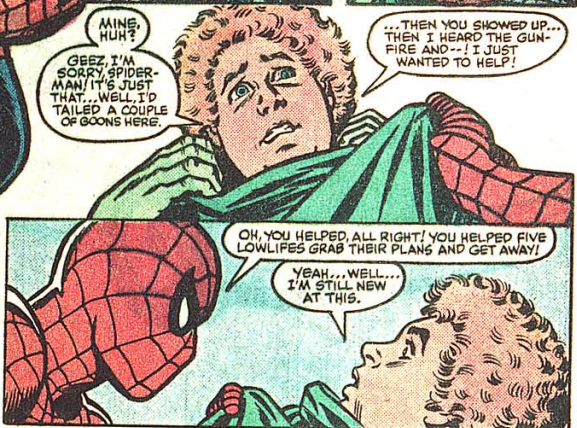
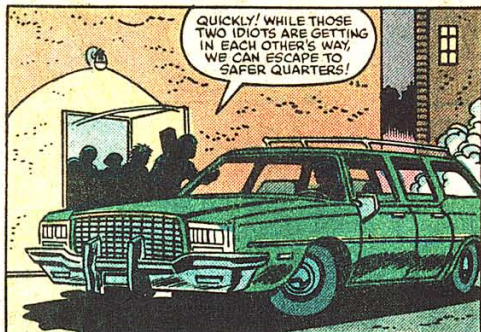
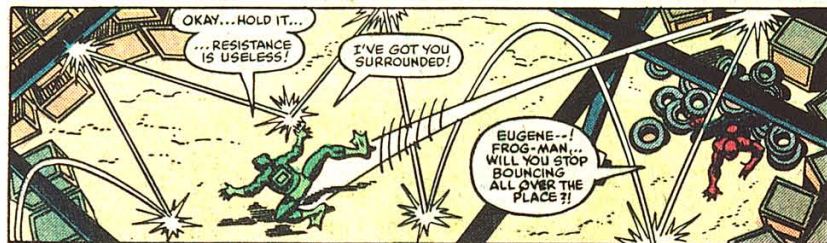
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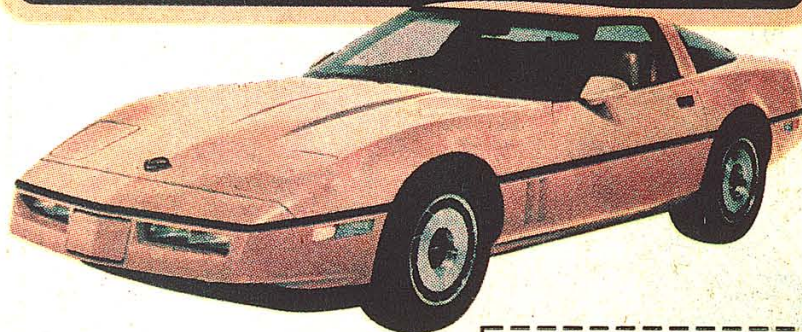
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GOOD!

AND NEXT TIME, EUGENE--

--LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP!

GRABBING HIS AUTO-CAMERA ON THE RUN, SPIDER-MAN DISAPPEARS THROUGH THE SHATTERED SKY-LIGHT...

BEHIND HIM, YOUNG EUGENE WATCHES WITH AWE AND ADMIRATION...

BOY, THAT'S THE WAY TO DO IT. I'M GONNA PRACTICE UNTIL I'M AS GOOD AS HIM!



I'LL NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY SOME FOLKS WANT IN ON MY LIFESTYLE. HECK, THE BLACK CAT WANTS TO SWARE IT WITH ME! ALL SHE SEES IS THE ROMANCE AND GLAMOR OF SWINGING OVER THE ROOFTOPS.

SURE, IT'S A KICK... BUT I NEVER SET OUT TO BE THIS WAY...

...IT WAS AN ACCIDENT THAT I BECAME SPIDER-MAN. MAYBE IF I EXPLAINED THAT...MAYBE THEN SHE'D UNDERSTAND. MAYBE...



LATER, AS PETER PARKER CHECKS HIS FILM IN THE DAILY BUGLE DARK-ROOM...

WILL YOU LOOK AT THAT!

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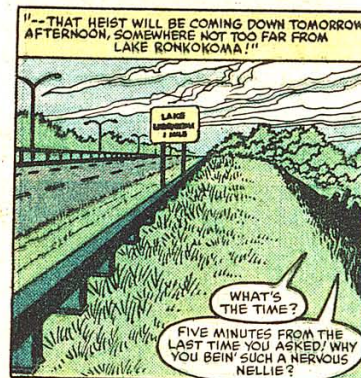
MOST OF THESE PIX ARE PURE MUD, THEY'RE SO DARK. BUT THIS ONE DEFINITELY LOOKS WORTH ENLARGING!



AND, WITHIN MINUTES... HAH! IF THAT'S NOT A MAP OF LONG ISLAND, I'LL EAT MY MASK!



YEAH! THIS WAS AMONG THE PLANS AND TIMETABLES THAT GANG HAD LAID OUT! AND IF THE FEW DISCERNIBLE NOTES SCRIBBLED ON IT ARE ANY INDICATION--



"--THAT HEIST WILL BE COMING DOWN TOMORROW AFTERNOON, SOMEWHERE NOT TOO FAR FROM LAKE RONKOKOMA!"

WHAT'S THE TIME?

FIVE MINUTES FROM THE LAST TIME YOU ASKED! WHY YOU BEIN' SUCH A NERVOUS NELLIE?



BECAUSE, BONE-HEAD, IF WE'RE NOT IN POSITION WHEN THAT ARMORED CAR BREEZES BY--!

DON'T WORRY! WE'LL BE READY! HEY, YOU SURE YOU CAN USE THAT THING?



NO SWEAT! A FIVE-YEAR-OLD COULD FIRE HER! THERE'LL BE NO PROBLEMS WITH THIS BABY!

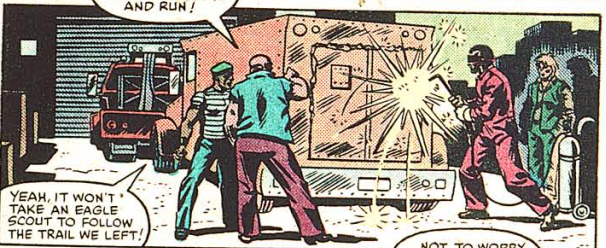
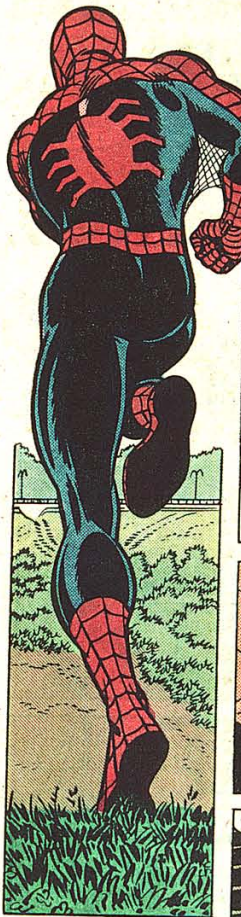
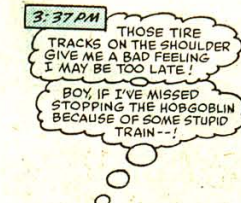
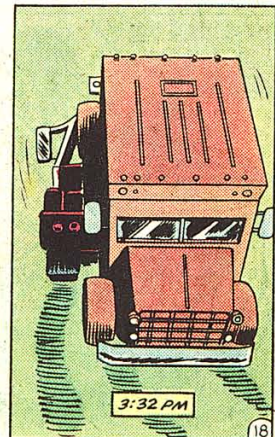
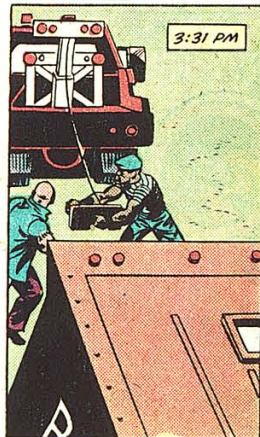
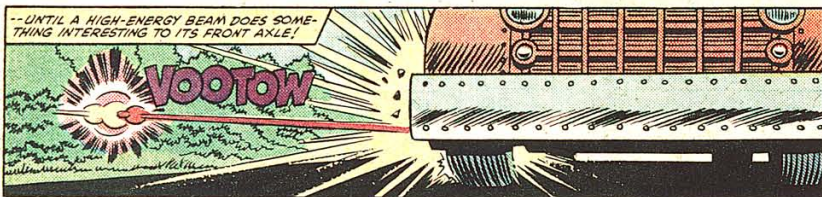
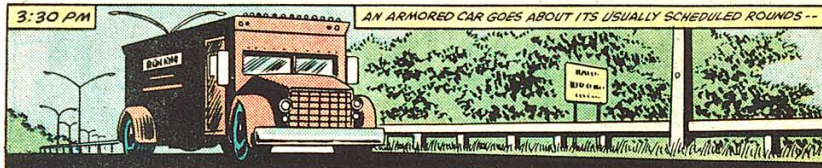
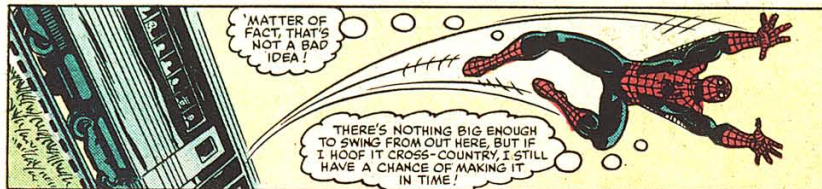
AND, AS THE MOTLEY TRIO BEGINS TO MOVE INTO POSITION...

...SEVERAL MILES AWAY, AND CLOSING NONE TOO QUICKLY...



I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO RELY ON THE LONG ISLAND RAILROAD. I'D MAKE BETTER TIME ON FOOT!

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--SOME LOUSY WRECKIN' BAR! YOU MEAN TO TELL ME THAT WE BUSTED OUR HUMPS TO STEAL THAT?!



PRECISELY, THE GOLD SHIPMENT WAS JUST A FABRICATION OF MINE!

IT INSURED THAT YOU'D BE GIVING ME YOUR FULL COOPERATION.

NOW, AT LAST, I HAVE WHAT I NEED--



--TO REGAIN MY FULL POWER!

YOU LOUSY @!%*! I'LL TEACH YOU TO PLAY US FOR SAPS!



NO, YOU WILL NOT! EVEN WITHOUT THE POWER OF THE WRECKING BAR, I HAVE ENOUGH MIGHT TO HANDLE YOU!

WUNK



BUT NOW, WITH THE BAR IN MY POSSESSION--

KRAK



--AND WITH THIS, I AM UN-
BEATABLE!

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ARE THERE ANY OF YOU FOOLISH ENOUGH TO TRY ANYTHING? PHYSICAL?

PUT A LID ON THE FANCY TALK, DOC, OR YOU'LL HAVE TO EAT YOUR WORDS!

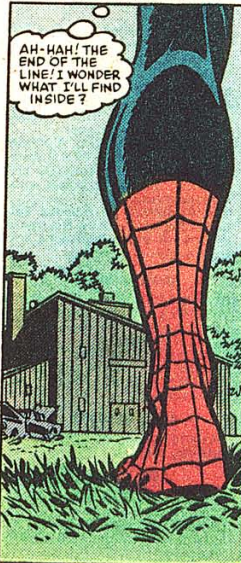
YEAH, YOU BETTER BE GOOD AT SWINGIN' THEM HUNKS O' STEEL!

OTHERWISE WE'LL USE 'EM ON YOU!

THERE'S THREE OF US TO ONE OF YOU, DOC! MAKE YOUR MOVE!



AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE...



AH-HAH! THE END OF THE LINE! I WONDER WHAT I'LL FIND INSIDE?

SUDDENLY...



KRASH

WHUPS! IT'S ONE OF MY LITTLE PLAYMATES FROM LAST NIGHT-- BUT IT LOOKS LIKE HE JUST WENT TEN ROUNDS WITH LARRY HOLMES! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?



THUD

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Bulpen Bulletins

HERE'S THE SITUATION...

I, Editor in Chief and Supreme High Kahuna of Marvel Comics, will be leaving very soon on a month-long trip around the country to attend several of the biggest Comics Conventions of the year. Every single one of the Editors here at Marvel will be going with me. That means no one will be here at the House of Ideas guarding the fort - except the Assistant Editors!

They will be in complete charge of one entire month's worth of Marvel Comics. For that month, they will be the absolute masters of the Marvel Universe.

And they're up to something! Something... strange.

This is no gag. No joke. Really, honestly, I thought it would be good for our assistant editors to have a real chance on the firing line - to have a shot at wielding the enormous responsibility and power of being editors-for-a-month under actual combat conditions - so I arranged it. Somewhat to my amazement, they're taking it very seriously! They see this as their opportunity not to merely caretake the comics for a month, but to do the stories they've always wanted to do! To oversee a month's worth of the wildest, most spectacular, most unforgettable and possibly weirdest Marvel Comics ever published! To prove themselves by knocking the world on its ear with every single issue coming out that month!

What month? Next month. All Marvel Comics which bear a January cover date, which will be on sale next month, in September, are the ones to watch for.

The Assistant Editors have been very secretive about what they have planned, so I can't tell you anything about next month's stories - I honestly don't know what they've got cooking. I firmly believe that these issues are going to be one-of-a-kind collector's items, though, and if I were you, I wouldn't miss any of next month's issues. I don't

say that lightly, by the way. If you read this column regularly, you know that I don't hard-sell anything, and rarely even give a plug. I leave the hype for the Hype Box. This is an unusual circumstance, though, I think. Assistant Editors Month has really grown from an innocent little educational exercise into an event!

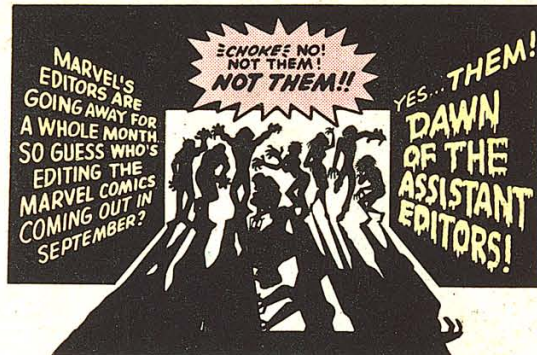
Okay, enough about that. You've been advised - or warned, depending upon how you look at it - By the way, Editor Mark Gruenwald's assistant

Mike Carlin asked me to run the ad which appears below. So there it is!

Stay well,

Stan Lee

P.S. Being that I'll be away for a month, the next 'Bulpen Page' will be written by my assistant-and-secretary, Lynn Cohen! I'll be back writing this, the most-widely-read page in comics, the following month! See you!



THE HYPE BOX

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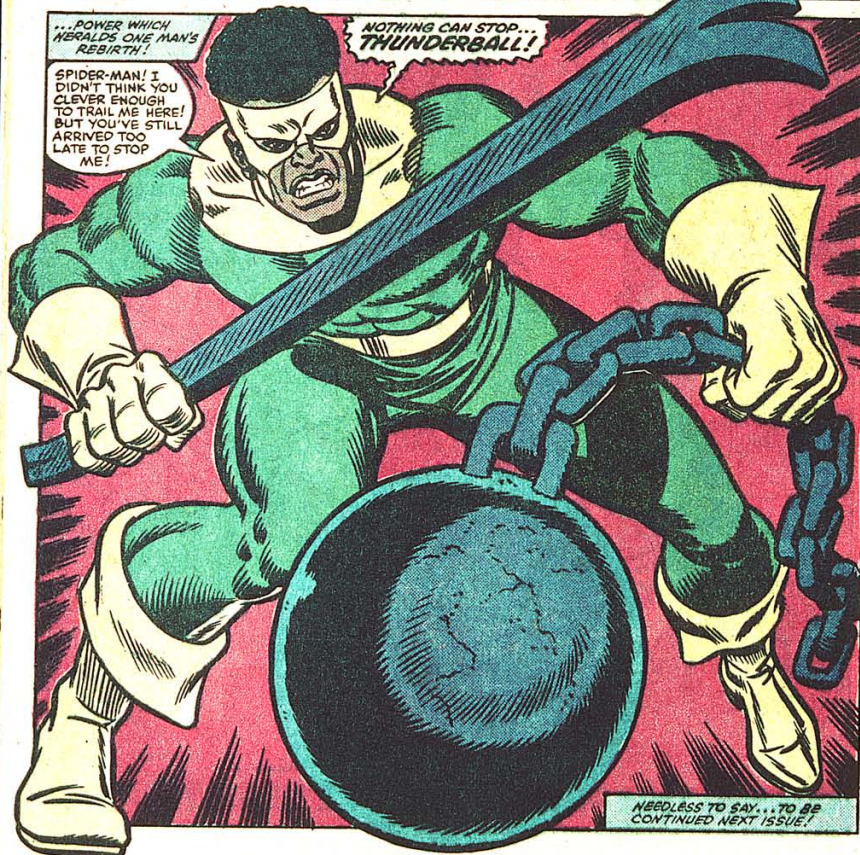
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Dear Rog and John,

If anyone was ever on the verge of a nervous breakdown, it has to be my old buddy Peter Parker. Give the boy a break, will you?

Look, at the beginning of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #242, Pete doesn't know what his grade is going to be for the first-year grad finals because Dr. Sloan is short-handed. Then, he's caught in the middle of Lance and Amy's problems. On top of this, the Mad Thinker throws a rampaging super-robot at him. Next, Amy practically attacks him, and then who pops in? Just the woman who Pete proposed to a while back--and the one person I'm glad to see back... but, oh, what a time for her to show up--Mary Jane Watson!

And now, you tell me that Pete is going to make a most dramatic decision about his life, career and everything next issue. If this keeps up, the man is going to freak out! Still, you can bet I'll be first in line to buy AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #243! So, keep on making mine Marvel!

Scott Schafer
Merrick, NY 11566

Dear Sirs:

Re: AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #242
Hey what is this? Everybody knows that SPIDER-MAN is just the kid stuff of the Marvel Universe. He's supposed to get all the dumb villains and silly plot devices. Where do you get off, doing first class art, mature themes, and truly interesting plotting in SPIDER-MAN? Well, the cover was dumb enough to pass. Glad to see you aren't abandoning all your traditions.

You want to make people start taking the book seriously or what?

Brian Smith
Arlington, VA 22212

Dear Rog and John,

AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #242 gave me a hundred laughs... especially the ending. And, of course, the art was great.

By the way, in issue #239, I saw how big Lance Bannon's apartment is... and now, in issue #242, we see him with a sports car. If Pete's beating him out with all the better news pictures, how come Lance appears more well-heeled than Pete?

Trent Robinson
Waltham, Quebec

Funny you should ask, Trent. Keep on perusing the Spider-titles in the months to come and you'll find out how come!

Dear Rog and John,

I don't think I've ever been so impatient to get next month's AMAZING SPIDER-MAN in the mail. As soon as I read to the last panel of the last page of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #242, I instantly fell back in love with Mary Jane Watson. MJ is by far my all-time favorite comic book character. I pray that her appearance in the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN will be a lasting one.

Dave Van Kainen
Lewiston, MI 49756

Dear Rog and John,

RE: ASM #242.

Now this is what Spider-Man is all about:

rollicking action and fun, with a taste of subtle irony and wit throughout! Believe it or not, I felt just a little bit sorry for the Thinker's robot. After all, it took all that verbal abuse and couldn't talk back! Oh, well...

Rog, you're one of the few writers around who fully understands both Peter Parker and Spider-Man, and you use that understanding to best effect in "Confrontational". And, of course, I couldn't imagine this issue without John Romita Jr. I especially liked the cover, too. (Thanks, Terry Austin!)

And coming up next... Mary Jane Watson!
Michael Kanterovich
Hollis, NH 03049

Dear Rog and John

I want to compliment you on the great work you've been doing on AMAZING SPIDER-MAN, and tell you how much I enjoyed issue #242. I can't wait until next month's issue to find out how Peter will resolve his problems with the ladies and find out what other surprises wait in store for Spider-Man.

On another note, has it ever been revealed what the J. in J. Jonah Jameson stands for?

You know, my brother said that you would never print this letter... and if you did, he would buy me the comic of my choice!

Elliot English
Erial, NJ 08081

Oh, he did, did he? Well, sounds to me like he owes you one, Elliott! Which one shall it be... hmmm! I assume you've already picked up the issue of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN! Rog recommends this month's issue of DOCTOR STRANGE, which features the annihilation of every single vampire on Earth (and all the married ones, too)! J.R. suggested that you try his first issue of the X-MEN. And Mike Carlin started jumping up and down and insisting that you pick up KA-ZAR #29, the special double-sized issue, available in comics shops and on newsstands, which features the wedding of Ka-Zar and Shanna. (Mike Carlin?! What's he doing in here? Go on, Carlin! Get back to your own office!)

As for that fateful first initial... that's still a mystery, Elliott!

Dear Rog and John,

It is nice to see that some things never change. Mary Jane is still a knockout.

John Brittan
Daly City, CA 94015

This is astounding! We received so many letters about the return of the divine Ms. M.J. Watson, that they plumb crowded out the Hobgoblin identity guesses this issue. It just goes to show you that romance beats out sheer villainy any day of the week!

But, if the Hobgoblin is the villain you love to hate, then do not miss PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #85, on sale in two short weeks, where Hobby returns for real and, after undergoing a monumental transformation, takes on Spidey and the Black Cat!

NEXT ISSUE: Well, yeah, next issue... I wish I could tell you all the exciting things happening in AMAZING SPIDER-MAN next month, but, well, you see... frankly, I'm not sure what they are. You've read about Assistant Editor's Month in the Bullpen Bulletins -- the month when all us Marvel editors will be away convention hopping -- and my assistant Bob DeNatale is keeping a real tight lip about what he's planning for our books that month. I hope he takes seriously the responsibility he has. I mean, hey -- I! These Spider-Man titles are the cornerstones of Marvel Comics. He'd better not be planning anything weird. I've left him strict orders what to do... and he'd better follow them!

— Danny Fingeroth

(Hi, folks! Bob D. here, and there's just enough time for me to slip in this Next Issue Blurb while Danny is out of the office. I gotta admit, there may be some pretty wild stuff going down in the other Spider-Man books, but AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #248 is gonna be something really special! I've coaxed out of Roger Stern what may well be the best story he's ever written. Heh-heh! That'll show Danny who's the real creative brain in this corner of the Bullpen. Join us next month and meet (courtesy of Roger, Ron Frenz and Terry Austin) "The Kid Who Collects Spider-Man." It's the most powerful, moving story in Spider-Man history. Plus, of course, the frenzied conclusion to Spider-Man's battle with Thunderball, by Stern, Romita Jr. and Brett Breeding. All in all, issue #248 is one of the best comics you'll ever see! So run down to the newsstand and reserve your copy now. Believe me, you'll be glad you did.)



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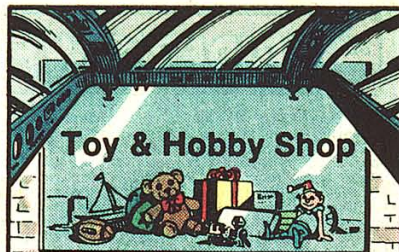
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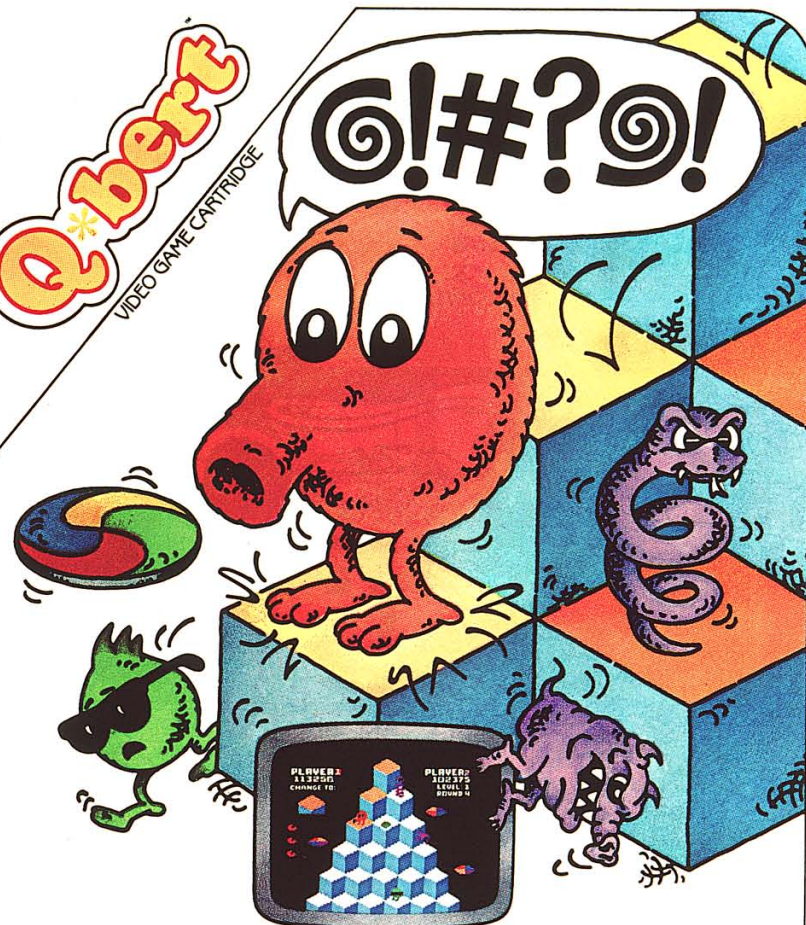
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